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The Honorable Bruce Duke
Executive Director

South Carolina Public Service Commission

Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Petition of Verizon South, Inc. for Arbitration of an Amendment to Interconnection Agreements with Competitive Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Radio Service Providers in South Carolina Pursuant to Section 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, and the *Triennial Review Order*, **Docket No. 2004-0049-C**, ***Our File No.*** 611-10116

Dear Mr. Duke:

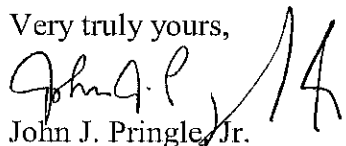
Please allow this letter to serve as the response of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC ("AT&T") to the Procedural Schedule proposed by Verizon South, Inc. ("Verizon") in the above-referenced docket.

AT&T urges the Commission to consider and rule upon AT&T's Motion to Strike filed previously in this Docket. However, should the Commission decide to proceed in this matter, at the very least the Commission must reject Verizon's proposal to "charge the prices set forth in Exhibit A to its TRO Amendment" subject to future true-up. The prices contained in the current interconnection agreement are part of a valid, binding contract and must remain in effect until the parties agree to a change or the Commission, after a hearing, rules otherwise.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,


John J. Pringle, Jr.

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cc: Gene Coker, Esquire [via electronic mail]
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